

City of Selah
Council Minutes
July 10, 2018

Regular Meeting
Selah Council Chambers
115 West Naches Avenue
Selah, WA 98942

A. Call to Order Mayor Raymond called the meeting to order at 4:00pm.

B. Roll Call

Members Present: John Tierney; Roger Bell; Russell Carlson; Diane Underwood; Jeremie Dufault; Jacquie Matson; Rachael Glaspie

Members Absent:

Staff Present: Donald Wayman, City Administrator; Robert Noe, City Attorney; Dale Novobielski, Clerk/Treasurer; Gary Hanna, Fire Chief; Rick Hayes, Police Chief; Joe Henne, Public Works Director; Ty Jones, Public Works Utility Supervisor; Jeff Peters, Community Development Supervisor; Bree Tait, Civic Center Manager; Andrew Potter, Human Resources Manager; Monica Lake, Executive Assistant

C. Councilmember Absence – Motion to Excuse **None**

D. Pledge of Allegiance

Norma Smith led the Pledge of Allegiance.

E. Invocation

Pastor Mark Flippin gave the prayer.

F. Agenda Changes **None**

G. Public Appearances/Introductions/ Presentations **None**

H. Getting To Know Our Businesses **None**

I. Communications

1. Oral

Mayor Raymond opened the meeting.

Norma Smith, 906A Speyers Road, approached the podium and addressed the Council. She held up a flyer for the pool levy, saying that the pool is and should continue to be the hub of the community of Selah during the summer months, as it has been for sixty-four years. She said that they need it for their families, especially the kids, as it keeps them from the attractive nuisance of the local rivers and potentially drowning. She went on to say that the pool is the hub of the community for all ages and will be when new pool is built, as even older residents enjoy water aerobics and water walking.

Council Member Bell noted that her time had expired.

Council Member Carlson felt that Ms. Smith had earned another minute.

Ms. Smith remarked that the legacy of her family is the pool, as her children swam competitively and worked at the pool, and that the pool would be usable for all ages.

Council Member Dufault thanked Ms. Smith for everything she does in the community.

Rick Mottice approached the podium and addressed the Council. He introduced himself, saying that he is a candidate for sheriff, and spoke briefly about his background and qualifications, including over twenty-two years in law enforcement. He outlined his ideas as sheriff, such as increasing public safety as well as interagency cooperation by working and training together, adding that he believes in accountability. He thanked Council for their time.

Robert Udell approached the podium and addressed the Council. He said that he was running for the office of Sheriff, to protect the progress made under Sheriff Winter, and that he had twenty-nine years of experience working for the Sheriff's department. He spoke about the impact the sheriff has in the community, effecting the lives of those he serves and working with all sorts of groups, and that they are accountable to those they serve and themselves. He concluded by saying that they would train to be the most professional agency in this county.

Jessica Cavanaugh, 1000 Sage Trail Road, approached the podium and addressed the Council. here today because Mom and swimmer, grew up swimming, was a huge part of my life, passed it on to our six kids, felt important to pass on swimming as a skill, our kids joined Selah Dolphins swim team when moved here in 2010, for 2 months of every summer attend practices and meets, enjoy coming to open swim, love having a pool in our community, vital to teenagers, really important to have a pool in our community, also helped my kids to be in Viking swimming and this year son is lifeguard at pool,

Janesa Hanson, 90 Parrish Road, approached the podium and addressed the Council. She said that she wanted to speak about the pool, which was one of the reasons they chose to move to Selah. She talked about the impact being on the Dolphins swim team has had on her youngest son over the last four years, as he is somewhat awkward but has gained confidence with both the swim team and doing the Junior Lifeguard program the last two years. She added that she was originally from Florida, grew up around the water, and she likes seeing her kid enjoying the pool for both open swim and Dolphins. She commented that she and her husband, who works law enforcement in Yakima, have talked about the impact it would have o the community if the pool wasn't there.

Barb Petrea, 604 Lancaster Road, approached the podium and addressed the Council. She commended Fire Chief Hanna and his department for handling a fire at her neighbor's house that displaced three adults and five children, saying that it's wonderful to know they are in a safe environment. She expressed her thanks for the 4th of July event, noting that she was able to donate almost two thousand dollars from people using the bouncy houses. She then held up a canvas print of her son, saying that he switched from baseball to swimming in his junior year and was able to go to a place that Selah made happen because they believe in community. She expressed her hope that they remember that community is most important.

Amie Ozanich, 621 Buchanan Road, approached the podium and addressed the Council. She thanked the Council for their support of the pool, saying that this council seems to be very supportive of getting a new pool and replacing the sixty-four year old current pool. She spoke briefly about her background, saying that she started as manager of the Selah pool back in the 1990s, which led to a career in the exercise fitness and aquatics area, and that she currently runs both exercise programs and aquatics for the Yakima Athletics Club. She opined that the pool is the heart of their community, not just for exercise and for people to cool off, but to also give people discipline in showing up to a job, to practice, or to water aerobics class. She added that she has a friend who is excited about this because it would be a safe environment for her smaller kid blocks away from her house instead of going to Naches. She thanked Council again for their support.

Seeing no one else rise to speak, Mayor Raymond closed the meeting.

2. Written

a. Monthly Permit and Code Enforcement Reports for June, 2018

J. Proclamations/Announcements

K. Consent Agenda

Executive Assistant Lake read the Consent Agenda.

All items listed with an asterisk (*) were considered as part of the Consent Agenda.

- * 1. Approval of Minutes: May 22, 2018 Study Session & Council Meeting and June 12, 2018 Council Meeting

- * 2. Approval of Claims and Payroll:

Payroll Checks Nos. 81729 – 81764 for a total of \$224,104.11
Payroll Checks Nos. 81765 – 81822 for a total of \$288,139.50
Claim Checks Nos. 71443 – 71508 for a total of \$201,140.96
Claim Checks Nos. 71509 – 71579 for a total of \$374,589.90

Council Member Tierney moved, and Council Member Carlson seconded, approval of the Consent Agenda as read. By voice vote, approval was unanimous.

L. Public Hearings **None**

M. General Business

1. New Business

a. Request to purchase digital radios

Police Chief Hayes addressed M – 1a. He said that they were mandated sometime back to move to narrow band police radios, which cut their capability of reaching dispatch by roughly thirty-five percent instead of the seven percent estimated, and has limited their ability to reach dispatch in certain areas of town. He went on to say that Yakima County as a whole is moving to digital radios, which is what their portable radios are, and he is requesting that Council allow them to purchase digital radio for the patrol cars.

Council Member Bell asked if that was the only quote he received.

Police Chief Hayes answered in the affirmative.

Council Member Bell wondered if there was a reason he didn't get additional quotes.

Police Chief Hayes replied that this was the vendor they used before, who did a study to check their radio system reach, adding that because of the amount he would have to get a couple bids anyway. He went on to say that they have looked and this would be the lowest bid including install, adding that if they go outside to anyone else they would also be paying Yakima tech services to install them.

Council Member Dufault inquired how confident he was that this would solve the problem.

Police Chief Hayes responded that he's hopeful, adding that the Sheriff's Department could probably answer that question better as they tested everywhere they were having problems and were able to reach dispatch with a loud and clear.

Council Member Dufault asked if it was with the exact same system.

Police Chief Hayes answered in the affirmative.

Council Member Dufault wondered if they tested it at different times of day.

Police Chief Hayes invited Mr. Udell to speak to that.

Mr. Udell said that they have tried the system at different times of day, noting that narrow banding in Yakima County took away thirty to fifty percent with large areas in the County having no signal, and for a short term fix digital brings back what was lost in going to narrow band.

City Administrator Wayman briefly explained the difference between digital versus analog, saying that it's still line of sight but has a much clearer signal.

Police Chief Hayes responded they are the only ones holding up the north end of Yakima County.

City Administrator Wayman commented that they would get a much more focused radio signal, one that is sharper and more efficient.

Council Member Tierney wondered if the State Auditor would require them to take additional bids.

Clerk/Treasurer Novobielski answered that they currently have the ability to get three competitive quotes for amounts under twenty thousand dollars, and above that the process is more formal.

Council Member Tierney stated that he was all for the transfer to digital, but as much as he would like to make a motion to approve he would ask that they get bids, including the additional cost for Yakima to do the programming.

Council Member Dufault inquired as to how time sensitive this is.

Police Chief Hayes replied that there are other options, such as going to the repeater on Selah Butte to assist them or simply continuing with what they currently use, as the officers are getting to know where they can and can't call out.

Mayor Raymond asked how long it would take to get bids.

Police Chief Hayes responded that he would have them tomorrow.

Council Member Bell commented that he was in favor of moving to digital but would like to see it done with all due diligence as far as bids.

Council Member Carlson asked if it would be appropriate to authorize up to that amount, and if there is nothing cheaper then allow them to move forward.

City Administrator Wayman replied that it would be just as easy to bring back three bids and there was no need to put limitations on it.

b. SPRSA Lease *add-on item*

Council Member Glaspie requested to add a new item to the agenda, saying that after hearing a lot of testimonies from citizens, she would like to add the possibility of lease negotiations with SPRSA on the next Council agenda for approval. She indicated her willingness to discuss the matter tonight but was fine with moving it to the next meeting as well. She expressed concern over the SPRSA chairperson requesting that it be added to the Council Agenda on July 2 and being flatly denied without any mention to Council, as it was her understanding that Council oversees City land, and that she like to have that discussion as a Council.

City Administrator Wayman said that a previous Council did give the Mayor and staff direction on this, which was fed back to the SPRSA board, but if she was making a motion to bring it back as a discussion item this body can entertain that.

Council Member Glaspie replied that they do have new council members, and that anything dealing with City land should be brought to the Council. She added that, when a request is put in she would feel confident in the administration if Council had the ability to see that rather than have it refused.

Mayor Raymond asked if she would like it on the agenda in two weeks' time.

Council Member Glaspie answered that she would prefer to have a conversation tonight but was also okay with that.

City Administrator Wayman recommended that she make a motion to begin discussion.

Council Member Glaspie said that there was talk of lease negotiation on August 23, 2016, reading aloud a section of the Minutes from that meeting before she added that, since Council approved the design of the pool the next step to take would be having a conversation about the lease and getting it put in place and ready to sign. She wished to have that discussion tonight since the lease is already in place and just needs a signature.

City Administrator Wayman responded that it not quite true, as they haven't had any sit downs with SPRSA leadership on that. He commented that they think they know what the language would be but it is not signature ready.

Council Member Glaspie remarked that the minutes say that he worked out an arrangement with SPRSA and that a formal agreement would be signed and finished once the design was approved. She felt that this was something they had already moved forward with, and that they should move forward with this lease.

Mayor Raymond pointed out that the design is different.

City Administrator Wayman stated that the direction he and the Mayor received from Council was not to take a step forward until a levy was passed.

Council Member Glaspie responded that there was a conversation about that but no formal vote.

City Administrator Wayman replied that those discussions were held in executive session because they were contract negotiations, but they have moved beyond that point now so he can speak about it. He went on to say that those were the directions he received from Council in 2016, they're living under those conditions, but if this council wants to change it that's fine.

Council Member Glaspie expressed concern over the denial of a request to put it on the agenda, as they have different Council Members now, and a new pool set forth and approved by Council.

Council Member Glaspie moved to bring this back for a lease negotiation put in place with SPRSA based on the formal design that was finished.

Mayor Raymond commented that, if they bring it back in two weeks, they are only another week and a half from the M&O vote. She asked what the rush was.

Council Member Glaspie answered that she has been out speaking to the community and there is a large concern that nothing has happened thus far on a bond approved in 2015.

Mayor Raymond felt that was an opportunity for SPRSA to say that they need an M&O levy passed.

Council Member Glaspie remarked that she's read through the minutes, and that the initial stance of the Council was that they didn't want to hold the taxpayers hostage and tear out the pool that was still operational for another year, but after this year the pool is done. She felt that now they are obligating voters to pass an M&O levy to get something that they've already voted and approved, like a chicken and egg situation where the pool is ready to be built but there is something tied to it that the voters never intended to have tied to it.

Council Member Tierney said that he feels they are starting to talk like the Yakima City Council, saying that every time they change Council Members they can't just overturn previous Council decisions. He acknowledged that they have three new members on Council but pointed out that this body voted in the interest of the whole community to do what had been documented, and taking additional action now wouldn't result in any change at present. He felt it better to let sleeping dogs lie, as there isn't anyone on Council who doesn't support the new pool.

Council Member Carlson wondered about the positive versus the negative of having the lease discussion, and whether it was detrimental or a benefit to Council to have it. He was okay with having a discussion if there is a purpose or saying don't do it if it has a negative impact, adding that he has heard good cause for it but doesn't see the benefit versus the negative.

Council Member Tierney pointed to the camera and responded that the negative is right there, as they don't want to show dissatisfaction or a lack of unity to the voters in this community. He asked why they needed to bring something out in the public that could be discussed at a later time.

Council Member Glaspie responded that she was just asking for a lease discussion and doesn't see how that would be detrimental.

City Administrator Wayman stated that the details of the document are pretty simple, a dollar pre year and some hold harmless language from the SPRSA, but added that the question is timing. He felt that Council should do nothing at all until after the election, and if the levy passes they can begin discussing the lease with SPRSA per previous Council direction. He agreed with Council Member Tierney's remarks, that they were pushing voters into a situation where they were asked to support a measure that wasn't the same pool they voted for with a supermajority in 2015.

Council Member Glaspie countered that at the same time they are giving voters the inability to build, as the SPRSA is at point where it has had to be downsized due to cost increases over delay of the build, and that if they delay any longer there will not be a pool.

City Administrator Wayman stated that his point was that nothing needs to be done; as if there is a yes on the levy then they would be doing a lease.

Council Member Glaspie remarked that she would like to have brought for discussion building the pool regardless of the M&O levy.

City Administrator Wayman said that she could make a motion to have that discussion.

Council Member Glaspie moved that Council have a conversation to lease the land to SPRSA regardless of the M&O levy approval or denial.

Council Member Carlson stated that he would be okay with having that discussion.

Council Member Underwood seconded the motion.

Council Member Bell felt that they had to be honest here about the position both the Council and SPRSA are in, as the issues coming before them aren't their issues as a City Council, they are the issues of the SPRSA board. He went on to say that he and Council Member Glaspie abstain from voting on issues that they have to represent on the Council, but in his view if they don't build the pool starting this fall they won't have enough money to build a pool acceptable to this community. He didn't feel that would become this Council's issues but that they do need to facilitate the SPRSA board moving forward by being more collaborative and proactive in assisting the SPRSA board whether the levy passes or not. He believes that there is a strong chance that the M&O levy can pass, but if the new pool isn't built this fall there won't be enough in reserve to cover cost increases, as the architect has told the board their costs will go up at least half a million dollars next year and they only have fifty thousand in reserve.

Council Member Glaspie commented that there was no formal action taken to require that the M&O levy passes, and she would like to have the ability to lease the land to SPRSA. She added that she is not seeing the issue with moving forward.

Council Member Dufault wondered what would happen between now and August 7, and if the City signed a lease today what it would be spurring people to do. He asked if waiting for twenty-nine days would be fatal to the construction of the pool.

Council Member Glaspie responded that they want to start construction as soon as the season is over, and the lease would give them the ability to already have everything in line and moving forward.

Council Member Dufault observed that construction would start at the end of pool season, and asked what that date would be.

City Administrator Wayman replied that it's August 11, if he can keep enough lifeguards until then.

Council Member Dufault pointed out that the potential end date is after the levy vote, and inquired what the SPRSA could do now.

Council Member Bell answered that if the SPRSA board doesn't make a commitment to build this fall then they won't have enough money to build a new pool.

Council Member Tierney wondered if SPRSA would still build a pool if the levy fails.

Council Member Glaspie answered in the affirmative.

Council Member Tierney asked how they would open it if they had no money to support it.

Council Member Glaspie replied that it gives them the opportunity.

Council Member Bell asked what they would do with the current pool if they didn't have a levy. He said that it makes no difference who owns the pool if it's not open because the levy doesn't pass.

Council Member Tierney disagreed, saying that there is a large difference as the City has no bond on the existing pool but SPRSA would be left holding the bag on a pool they couldn't operate.

Council Member Glaspie remarked that this is a six year M&O levy, and if the pool is done but the levy doesn't pass, it gives them the opportunity to run another levy with voters able to see the new pool being built and trusting that things are actually happening. She went on to say that if they don't pass the M&O levy and don't build this year Selah will not have a pool ever again, but if they build this year it gives them the chance to rerun an M&O levy just like they'll do every six years.

Council Member Bell asked if she would to modify her motion to bring it back at the next Council Meeting for discussion.

Council Member Glaspie moved to at the next Council Meeting, ask for a lease approving SPRSA to start build regardless of an M&O levy.

Council Member Tierney suggested she do it after the seventh.

Council Member Glaspie declined to modify her motion.

Council Member Underwood seconded the motion.

Council Member Dufault wondered if this was a voting issue or if any Council Member could request something beyond the agenda for a future meeting.

City Administrator Wayman responded that, on New Business, any Council Member could introduce an issue that they would like considered by the Council, and if Council agrees it can be dealt with immediately or ask the staff to prepare an AIS with supporting documentation to consider it for the next meeting.

Council Member Dufault clarified that Council Member Glaspie doesn't need to make a motion; she could just ask to have it on the next agenda.

City Administrator Wayman responded that was correct.

Multiple people with overlapping conversation.

Mayor Raymond stated that they are taking the motion off the table, and would bring it to Council in two weeks as an AIS on the agenda.

Council Member Tierney inquired if this had to be in executive session because it's real estate.

City Administrator Wayman deferred to City Attorney Noe.

City Attorney Noe replied that he doesn't think it would be in executive session, as the basis for an executive session for land leases or purchases is to keep it secret in case there might be a fluctuation in the rate or something similar, but in this situation that's not the case.

City Administrator Wayman noted that the terms weren't determined when they previously discussed it, saying they aren't talking about economic advantage or disadvantage to the City, and that the discussion would be immediate lease with either no conditions or conditions attached.

Council Member Glaspie said that she is perfectly fine with moving it to the next meeting as she wants her fellow Council Members to do their own research.

City Administrator Wayman stated that they would have it for the next meeting.

Council Member Underwood remarked that she would like to see them bring back the issue of the age of swimmers at the pool, saying that they discussed the age limit and it hit her hard when her niece told her that her fifteen year old can't take her siblings to the pool.

Council Member Carlson commented that he wished to add to the discussion of the pool lease, noting that four of the current Council were members when they discussed this whether to tell SPRSA they must pass the levy first, and that they opted at that time to let SPRSA make that decision. He went on to say that his concern at that time was the massive amount of people who had come in to argue about the direction of the new pool site, but he feels that they are past all that now by having approved a new pool design, and that if they provide SPRSA with the opportunity to succeed they allow them to be successful, and in the end the voters will decide if it's going to pass.

Council Member Tierney remarked that it's an issue to discuss at the next meeting.

Mayor Raymond asked Council Member Underwood if she also wanted to bring back the pool rules.

Council Member Tierney disagreed with doing that, as it is not within the purview of the Council to set policy, as policy decisions are made by the Mayor and City Administrator.

Council Member Glaspie commented that she doesn't have an issue with the guideline put in place, or the City Administrator saying this is what it's going to be, her issue was with the code being incorrectly quoted, as everything outlined was pool rules for unattended pools and spas. She went on to say that she feels if something is highlighted its misdirection, and she felt misled when she read the WAC code.

City Administrator Wayman responded that it wasn't actually a misquote, it was a verbatim quote of the WAC as it applies to unattended pools, a recommendation they accepted from their risk management advisor, who is aware that it applies to unattended pools. He gave a brief background on the problem brought to him last year by the Recreation Manager and the Pool Manager regarding unsafe conditions at pool with unattended children, and they opted to have a point of contact sheet where mom, dad or a guardian provides a phone number, but the Pool Manager said that last year's attempt didn't work. He went on to say that Clear Risk's recommendation was same as the year before, from the WAC for unattended pools, and that he relied on advice received from the Pool Manager and Parks Manager, his own understanding of pool operations based on decades in pool and open water rescue, and input from other department heads to bring a recommendation not the Mayor that would assist them in keeping the pool safer and allow the lifeguards to do what they need to do. He noted that he has been chided by certain members of the board for not considering what's on the ballot.

Council Member Glaspie felt that there would never be a good time to do something like this, and that her only concern was that she doesn't like being handed something and told it's fact when it was an improperly quoted WAC quote.

City Administrator Wayman remarked that the statement he made for the public said clearly that the WAC was for unattended pools.

Council Member Glaspie responded that her concern is that when they were handed something from Recreation Manager Morales it was highlights and the part about unattended pools was left out, adding that they have every right to have a guideline.

City Administrator Wayman told her that they never intended to hide anything.

Council Member Glaspie opined that it was misdirection.

Council Member Bell observed that they are in a discussion Council has no business being in, and what it really does is become destructive to the real goal of building a pool and passing the M&O levy.

Council Member Dufault remarked that Council needs to present a unified front supporting SPRSA and their efforts, and they need to empower SPRSA to go out and say that the only contingency on whether Selah has a pool is the M&O levy passes. He added that he personally would never support leasing land to put a hole in the ground but he would support having a lease executed contingent on passing the levy.

Council Member Dufault moved, and Council Member Matson seconded, that the Council empower the Mayor and the City Administrator to enter into a lease with SPRSA for the pool at the terms already discussed, contingent on passage of the M&O levy.

Council Member Bell remarked that there is no difference between that motion and the previous Council's motion.

Council Member Carlson pointed out that there was no official vote taken but that was the discussion that was had. He thought they are asking for the opportunity to do a lease regardless of whether the levy passes or fails.

Council Member Dufault stated that his motion is not regardless.

Council Member Carlson acknowledged that but felt they were saying if don't build it now than they would be unable to in the future due to rising costs, but if the lease is done they could run another levy.

Council Member Dufault felt that Council needs to present a unified front to the community and allow SPRSA to go out and get their levy passed with any roadblocks.

City Administrator Wayman recommended that they have a vote on that.

Council Member Bell stated that they have the right for discussion about it, and that he thinks they are throwing a road block to SPRSA, as there would be no pool if the levy doesn't pass and they cannot build. He added that they already have voter approval to build and are within budget to do that, but if they wait it puts a stop order on all contracting and it puts and increased cost of time so they can't afford to build a pool for six point two million.

Council Member Dufault asked what they would do with a new pool and no M&O levy.

Council Member Bell countered with what would they do with the old one and no levy.

Council Member Glaspie opined that they will have this conversation every six years, and that if they build this year they would have a pool sitting there with no water, but if the levy passes they might find in six years that the costs are astronomical and voters may not approve a new levy then. She said that they are asking for Council's trust in this, as the biggest concern from voters is a distrust that nothing has been done since they voted on 2015, but if people see something happening and moving forward then they have the trust of the voters. She commented that they have a design under budget and are ready to break ground; they just need a lease in place.

Council Member Dufault pointed out that no spade of dirt will be turned before the ballot measure.

Council Member Glaspie replied that they want to have the ability to say they will break ground and are waiting for the pool season to be over.

Council Member Bell opined that this argument is as ridiculous as saying that after six years the Council won't re-lease the land if SPRSA doesn't pass a levy.

Mayor Raymond expressed concern about people not passing the levy after seeing a smaller pool that wasn't what they voted for.

Council Member Glaspie said that she has had a lot of conversation on this, giving a brief summary of the features of the new facility, and that he has no doubt that the M&O levy is going to pass. She added that she wants to have the ability to say that they are ready to break ground and move forward, to give SPRSA the confidence to go out and say they are moving forward and building the pool.

Council Member Dufault asked her if she thought it was a tough sell to have a six million dollar hole in the ground and ask the taxpayers to approve a levy for it.

Council Member Glaspie responded that they already approved it and are paying for it.

Council Member Carlson felt that the question was what happens to that money if the levy doesn't pass, saying that it would go to attorneys and accountants but not towards the pool, and the taxpayers would be paying for a pool that's dead.

Council Member Dufault felt that what they as a Council control is whether or not to execute the lease, adding that the pool session will end after the M&O levy so why not have that key piece of information.

Council Member Glaspie opined that they unintentionally put themselves in a chicken/egg scenario.

Council Member Dufault remarked that the City hasn't put itself in that situation.

Council Member Glaspie replied that they have by tying the lease to the M&O levy.

Council Member Tierney observed that they already decided to bring this back to the next Council meeting so everyone can be well versed on what happened in the past, and he thought it premature to take a vote on it tonight since they would be having the same discussion in two weeks. He called for the question or a recall of the motion.

Council Member Glaspie said that she's perfectly fine with waiting.

Council Member Dufault remarked that if that's what she prefers he would withdraw his motion.

Council Member Glaspie reiterated that she felt tying an M&O levy to the lease was wrong.

Council Member Bell thought it fair to withdraw the motion.

Council Member Dufault withdrew his motion.

City Administrator Wayman stated that he would be bringing back an AIS and making a recommendation to Council. He commented that there are a lot of questions Council may come up with and suggested having a study session to invite SPRSA representatives to explain some of their decisions, where they are sitting money-wise and the consequences for not spending this money.

Council Member Carlson pointed out that they have two representatives from SPRSA on the Council.

Mayor Raymond said that they could have a study session before the next Council Meeting.

City Administrator Wayman noted that questions need to be answered by the SPRSA board not him.

Council Member Glaspie added that then they could have the lease discussion.

City Administrator Wayman replied that they would have an AIS and a study session to discuss it.

Council Member Glaspie reiterated that she would like to vote on it at the next Council Meeting.

City Administrator Wayman agreed, with a study session first to air things out.

Council Member Glaspie commented that they have a very educated SPRSA Board.

City Administrator Wayman felt that giving them a moment to explain their rationale would result in a more informed decision in two weeks.

Mayor Raymond asked if he was thinking an hour long study session.

City Administrator Wayman suggested half an hour.

Mayor Raymond disagreed, saying that she felt they need an hour.

Police Chief Hayes requested to speak to Council again, saying that the information provided to them regarding new radios was a State bid contract.

Council Member Tierney moved, and Council Member Carlson seconded, to Approve the Purchase of Digital Radios from Spectrum Communications in the amount of \$20,011.46. Roll was called: Council Member Tierney – yes; Council Member Bell – yes; Council Member Carlson – yes; Council Member Underwood – yes; Council Member Dufault – yes; Council Member Glaspie – yes; Council Member Matson – yes. By voice vote, approval was unanimous.

Mayor Raymond stated that there would be an hour long Study Session prior to the next Council Meeting.

2. Old Business **None**

N. Resolutions

1. Resolution Authorizing the Mayor to sign Task Order 2018-04 between the City of Selah and HLA Engineering and Land Surveying, Inc. to prepare USDOT FY2018 BUILD (Better Utilizing Investments to Leverage Development) Application for a Transportation Feasibility Study

Public Works Director Henne addressed N – 1. He said that the resolution before them was to approve a task order with HLA as a follow-up to authorizing them to proceed with the BUILD application, and that everything's the same as discussed before.

Council Member Dufault asked if he any more information on timelines and likelihood of the award of funds.

Public Works Director Henne responded that they would know in December.

Council Member Carlson inquired if they would be able to lump in other work into this, gather additional data for future projects.

Public Works Director Henne replied that it would be a citywide traffic analysis, so it should be useful, but the study would be focused on improvements on South First Street or the extension of Naches Avenue to I-82.

Council Member Tierney noted that he meant and not or.

Public Works Director Henne responded that they would analyze both projects but at the end of the day is might say do one first over the other. He said it would have useful information but that's not the intent of the thing. He asked that Council approve the Resolution.

Council Member Bell moved, and Council Member Tierney seconded, to approve the Resolution Authorizing the Mayor to sign Task Order 2018-04 between the City of Selah and HLA Engineering and Land Surveying, Inc. to prepare USDOT FY2018 BUILD (Better Utilizing Investments to Leverage Development) Application for a Transportation Feasibility Study. Roll was called: Council Member Tierney – yes; Council Member Bell – yes; Council Member Carlson – yes; Council Member Underwood – yes; Council Member Dufault – yes; Council Member Glaspie – yes; Council Member Matson – yes. By voice vote, approval was unanimous.

2. Resolution Authorizing the Mayor to sign a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) for an Intergovernmental Cooperative Purchasing Agreement with Yakima Transit

Public Works Director Henne addressed N – 2. He said that this is for an MOU to have the Selah transit information published in the Yakima Transit bus book.

Council Member Dufault moved, and Council Member Matson seconded, to approve the Resolution Authorizing the Mayor to sign a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) for an Intergovernmental Cooperative Purchasing Agreement with Yakima Transit. Roll was called: Council Member Tierney – no; Council Member Bell – yes; Council Member Carlson – yes; Council Member Underwood – yes; Council Member Dufault – yes; Council Member Glaspie – yes; Council Member Matson – yes. Motion passed with six yes votes and one no vote.

3. Resolution Expressing Appreciation and Declaring Volunteer Park the Official Name for City Park Facility; the Playground within the Park as Mitchell Hatfield Playground; and the Official Name of the Walking Trail around the Park as the Evan Mettie Trail

City Administrator Wayman addressed N – 3. He said that the families were notified and are pleased with the proposal, and that staff is recommending approval.

Council Member Tierney wondered if there was a plan to establish a nice thick plaque identifying each of these for the users.

City Administrator Wayman replied that the Mayor has set up a three person Volunteer Park committee consisting of Council Member Matson, Planning Commissioner Huber, and Chris Ross, a neighbor of the park, and they are going to take over recommendation oversight with monthly meetings to come up with ideas. He said that they are looking at signage, plaques, and trees, as the park is an incomplete piece of work and the Mayor wanted to have a group of advisors to come up with ideas. He noted that one of them would be plaques for the trail and playground, along with selling more bricks, shaded picnic area, and other items.

Council Member Tierney moved to approve the Resolution Expressing Appreciation and Declaring Volunteer Park the Official Name for City Park Facility; the Playground within the Park as Mitchell Hatfield Playground; and the Official Name of the Walking Trail around the Park as the Evan Mettie Trail.

Council Member Carlson wanted to clarify that the Volunteer Park committee sounds a lot like the Parks Board, and that he feels it appropriate to reestablish that Board to handle not just Volunteer Park but the other parks as well.

Mayor Raymond responded that they talked about combining this with the Parks Foundation, saying that this was set up just to move on Volunteer Park while the Parks Foundation focused on pool.

Council Member Carlson asked what she intended with regard to the Parks Board.

Mayor Raymond answered that they were going to combine those two.

City Administrator Wayman corrected the Mayor, saying that it wasn't the Parks Foundation but the Parks Board, noting that they had really wanted to focus on Volunteer Park specifically. He asked if they wished to populate the Parks Board again.

Mayor Raymond commented that they put out notices and didn't get more than two people interested.

Council Member Carlson wondered if those two people would still be interested in joining that, as he felt having a committee for one park was inefficient and it should be for all the parks.

City Administrator Wayman remarked that they had a discussion about priorities and the Mayor asked for a committee to help her prioritize. He added that they would likely be reaching out to other entities or fundraising entities as well, and that the purpose of this informal committee is to advise the Mayor with regard to Volunteer Park.

Council Member Carlson felt it beneficial, but more appropriate to have the Parks Board once again with a focus on Volunteer Park.

Mayor Raymond said that they could make an effort to put it back together.

Council Member Bell seconded the motion.

Council Member Dufault asked Council Member Carlson if he was comfortable with the language as represented and if he has had a chance to review it.

Council Member Carlson responded that he has, and that his concern with the AIS has to do with the discussion at last year's retreat, where they were asked for input and specifically agreed to name the entire park Mitchell Hatfield Park and the trail as the Evan Mettie trail. He said that for some reason this was changed to just the playground and that if this council chooses to name the playground equipment after Mitchell Hatfield that's fine, he was just surprised at the change.

Mayor Raymond remarked that the playground is the park and it's a huge honor name it after him. She added that Volunteer Park has been known as that for such a long time that if they change the name people will wonder what they are doing.

Council Member Carlson asked how many people know Wood Field is Wood Field.

Council Member Glaspie commented that people understand the dedication of parks, as it happens all the time.

Council Member Carlson observed that it wouldn't have happened without Chad Hatfield going to Olympia to help secure funding, or Council eating a chunk of money.

Mayor Raymond pointed out that a lot of companies put work into the park.

Council Member Carlson agreed, saying that everyone has put in a massive amount of time.

Council Member Tierney remarked that he knows this is different from what they agreed on before, but he likes the way it reads Volunteer Park because it represents what got it built.

Council Member Carlson stated that he was totally okay with that, but something changed and when he brought up the change he was told he was incorrect. He added that the Hatfields they have no clue of this discussion, and they will be honored whatever this council feels but he wanted all of the information there.

Roll was called: Council Member Tierney – yes; Council Member Bell – yes; Council Member Carlson – no; Council Member Underwood – abstain; Council Member Dufault – yes; Council Member Glaspie – no; Council Member Matson – yes. Motion passed with four yes votes, two no votes, and one abstention.

Council Member Dufault requested that Council Member Carlson convey to the Hatfields how much they mean to the playground as it truly is a tribute to them and their son.

Council Member Carlson remarked that this Council exists for reasons like this, and while he realizes that he isn't right all the time, what he doesn't want is one piece of information provided having been changed and presented otherwise.

O. Ordinances

1. Ordinance amending Chapter 20.24.020 & 040 Relating to Building Code Fees

Community Development Supervisor Peters addressed O – 1. He explained that this Ordinance was to amend the building code fees in accordance with State law, reviewing the information provided in the packet and in the Ordinance that would codify the State House bill and add those fees into the permit schedule. He noted that Council could adopt and pass the fees onto the building community or simply absorb those fees through the General Fund by not taking any action or passing it.

Council Member Tierney inquired as to the cost.

Community Development Supervisor Peters replied that it depends on the number of building permits produced per month.

Council Member Tierney asked if there was a percentage increase.

Council Member Carlson wondered how big the change would be.

Clerk/Treasurer Novobielski answered that for June it was fifty-four dollars, and the most he's ever seen was a hundred and some dollars a month.

City Administrator Wayman clarified for Council that he told Community Development Supervisor Peters that any new expenses from the State should be passed onto the builder or permit requestor. He added that it isn't a significant amount of money but they do need Council's permission to levy this fee.

Council Member Tierney opined that it's just another tax from the State of Washington that they get shoved down their throats.

Council Member Carlson moved to approve the Ordinance amending Chapter 20.24.020 & 040 Relating to Building Code Fees.

Council Member Dufault said that he wanted to make sure there wasn't any extra overage the City of Selah was assessing on anything.

City Administrator Wayman replied that it could happen but they aren't doing it.

Community Development Supervisor Peters stated that the way he wrote it was to mirror the House bill, with the money going into a separate account then transferred to the State monthly.

Council Member Glaspie seconded the motion. Roll was called: Council Member Tierney – yes; Council Member Bell – yes; Council Member Carlson – yes; Council Member Underwood – yes;

Council Member Dufault – yes; Council Member Glaspie – yes; Council Member Matson – yes. By voice vote, approval was unanimous.

2. Ordinance Amending Ordinance 2034 Regarding the 2018 Salary Schedule for Management, Confidential, and Unrepresented Employees

Human Resources Manager Potter addressed O – 2. He said that this ordinance was discussed a month ago at the last Council Meeting, at which time he proposed to bring back an Ordinance to amend the current salary Ordinance to adjust the pool manager's salary as listed in current salary ordinance. He added that the proposal was a one dollar per hour increase effective retroactively.

Council Member Tierney moved, and Council Member Underwood seconded, to approve the Ordinance Amending Ordinance 2034 Regarding the 2018 Salary Schedule for Management, Confidential, and Unrepresented Employees. Roll was called: Council Member Tierney – yes; Council Member Bell – yes; Council Member Carlson – no; Council Member Underwood – yes; Council Member Dufault – yes; Council Member Glaspie – yes; Council Member Matson – yes. Motion passed with six yes votes and one no vote.

P. Public Appearances **None**

Q. Reports/Announcements

1. Departments

Police Chief Hayes thanked Council for approving the purchase of new radios, and said that Officer Morales is now out solo keeping them safe at night.

Fire Chief Hanna said that his report consists of passing out his annual report. He thanked the Police Chief for bringing up the radios, as Fire would also be mandated to do that in the near future for approximately three hundred fifty thousand dollars.

Council Member Dufault inquired as to the high price.

Fire Chief Hanna replied that they have twenty-four pieces of apparatus mandated to have one radio per seat at five per engine, four per aid vehicle, and one for the command car plus the mobile radios, which is about a hundred between portables and mobile.

Council Member Dufault asked how the system is operating now.

Fire Chief Hanna responded that they also lost signal with narrow band, and at some point would mandated to switch as a result of decisions made after 9/11, although they don't want to make those changes until the entire country is saying this is what it would be from now on.

Council Member Dufault agreed that it sounds like a wise approach and that he appreciated a full picture on that.

City Administrator Wayman remarked that the future of communications will hit rural or semi-rural areas a lot harder, as cities don't have the line of sight issues or need so many repeaters. He went on to say that by nature it would be more expensive to rural or semi-rural areas, and that they would be trying to make the best possible purchases.

Fire Chief Hanna commented that every effort would be made to obtain county-wide grants, as there are districts who have no budget and those who could make the purchase tomorrow, adding that the thought is to go out for Federal money to at least supplement what the cost would be. He noted that this was included in his capital improvements update plan.

Community Development Supervisor Peters said that he is working hard on code issues and other matters. He added that they are also working on the subarea plan, which is still being revised with an additional transportation element, and that it would probably be to Council sometime in September.

Civic Center Manager Tait said that Selah Shares has been getting overwhelmed with donations, and she wanted to remind people that they only take clothing and small appliances, and they do not want items dumped outside of their door. She went on to say that this week they have hunter's education, and this weekend is the annual Wags to Riches fundraiser.

Public Works Director Henne said that Mitchell Hatfield playground would be closed for the rest of week, as the contractor showed up to make warranty repairs to the surface. He went on to say that the brick walls are up at the Goodlander pump house and they are fixing the sprinkler system at Palm Park, he met with the Transportation Improvement Board engineer on some projects, and would be meeting with some industry folks to secure letters of support for the BUILD application.

Clerk/Treasurer Novobielski said that he began sending out monthly reports to the department heads and finance committee that morning, and that he is hoping to set up a meeting with the finance committee.

Council Member Tierney inquired if he had any feedback from the motel regarding LTAC monies.

Clerk/Treasurer Novobielski responded that he received a call back from Tina Garner and found that the person had submitted properly but was a little late in the process. He added that, if they don't see it on there this month, he would reach out to them again.

Human Resources Manager Potter gave a brief review of the job positions offered and newly posted, and added that they would be discussing a union negotiation proposal during executive session.

City Attorney Noe had no report.

2. Council Members

Council Member Dufault commented that it would be helpful to him to have some alternative courses of action with regard to the pool to allow Council to make an informed decision on the matter.

Council Member Matson said that she attended the Association of Washington Cities (AWC) conference, and that it was a really great experience. She remarked that she learned a lot in each course she took, and that it opened her eyes to a lot of different things she wasn't aware of.

Council Member Glaspie stated that she also attended the conference and carried the flag for the City during the Parade of Flags. She extended an invitation to attend the next SPRSA board meeting to be held on Monday July 16 at 5:30, with open public discussion at 6:30pm, saying that they are welcome to attend and be a part of that, and to contact her if they have any questions.

Council Member Tierney complimented Recreation manager Morales on a good job with both the car show and the 4th of July celebration.

Council Member Bell commended all the departments that were involved in the 4th of July event, saying that it went very well out there. He requested that they pass along to Recreation Manager Morales that the food vendors he talked to were very pleased, although two mentioned that they would like to see vendors moved to a grassy area. He noted that none of them were aware of the City's autumn festival, and that he had suggested they contact the Recreation Manager regarding that.

Council Member Underwood said that she attended the AWC conference all three days and it was amazing. She added that she would like to go every single year but she doesn't like to have to travel. She remarked that the information and courses were excellent, and that she finally got her CML.

Council Member Carlson said that the Selah Downtown Association (SDA), in partnership with the Selah Chamber of Commerce, would be hosting their annual awards show on September 5.

Council Member Glaspie asked if they have a theme yet.

Council Member Carlson answered that there would be no theme this year. He went on to say that it would be held at River Ridge and be a little less formal, and that at that same event the SDA would be unveiling that map of Selah they have created.

3. City Administrator

City Administrator Wayman said that Mayor Raymond has been leading from the front with the mayors in the valley, as the City of Mabton had a personnel problem in both their wastewater and water treatments plants and when they asked for help the Mayor dispatched Wastewater Treatment Plant Supervisor LaRoche to assist them. He went on to say that they also had the Department of Ecology on site, and the Mayor also sent down Public Works Director Henne and Public Works Utility Supervisor Jones to help with water treatment. He remarked that Mabton is on the road to recovery, and because of the Mayor reaching out he felt that they saved them a lot of heartache.

4. Boards

a. Lodging Tax Advisory Committee Minutes for May 22, 2018

5. Mayor

Mayor Raymond asked for a progress report from the sign committee.

Council Member Carlson replied that they have talked about focusing on a location for each sign, which would determine the type and size of sign to be placed, and briefly spoke about identifying different potential sites and the pros and cons of each. .

Mayor Raymond remarked that Perry Tech is willing to help Selah out; that she had asked them to come out and look at the Christmas display from the Civic Center with an eye to installing it on the hill, but because of the condition of the sign people wouldn't be able to see it.

Council Member Dufault asked for the name of her point of contact.

Mayor Raymond responded that she would look it up.

Council Member Carlson remarked that one recommendation was stonework as an option, although he liked the idea of having Perry Tech make signs too. He also felt it appropriate to ask or invite back those who had contributed previously on bidding or signage, and that they are open to other suggestions.

Mayor Raymond discussed her desire to create a legislative board in the future, saying that the more those in Olympia seen then the better their chances are for funding.

Council took a ten minute recess.

P. Executive Session

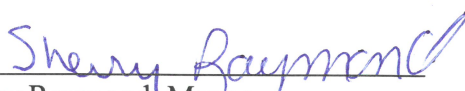
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Council went into Executive Session at 6:37m. At 7:15pm, Council went back on the record. Mayor Raymond stated that no action was taken during the Executive Session.

Q. Adjournment

Council Member Tierney moved, and Council Member Glaspie seconded, that the meeting be adjourned. By voice vote, approval was unanimous.

The meeting adjourned at 7:15pm.

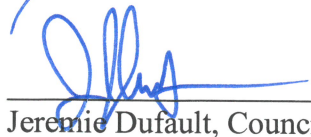

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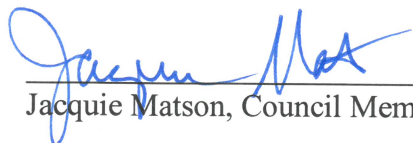

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Russell Carlson, Council Member



Jeremie Dufault, Council Member

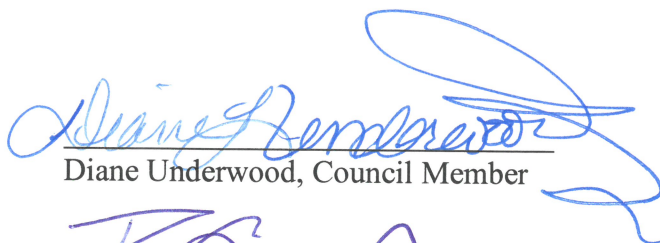


Jacquie Matson, Council Member

ATTEST:



Dale E. Novobielewski, Clerk/Treasurer



Diane Underwood, Council Member



Rachael Glaspie, Council Member